

WASHINGTON, DC -- Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Senator John F. Kerry, and Representative

Senator Kennedy said, "The restoration of the Colonial Theatre is a bold project that will benefit Pittsfield."

"Restoring the historic Colonial Theatre is a big part of the economic redevelopment of downtown Pittsfield."

"There's a great ongoing effort on multiple fronts to raise the image of downtown Pittsfield" to truly make it a

"I would like to thank Senator Kennedy, Senator Kerry, and Representative Olver for all the great work they've done."

This funding would support the restoration of the 1903 theatre, which has not hosted a performance since 1998.

Colonial Theatre is on the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places, and it received a \$400,000 "Save America's Treasures"

Funding for the project was included in the Fiscal Year 2007 Transportation, Treasury, and HUD Appropriations Act.

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